2001-2002 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GRAND JURY



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The Honorable J. Michael Welch Presiding Judge Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino 172 West Third Street San Bernardino, California 92415-0302

Dear Judge Welch:

In compliance with State-mandated law, the 2001-2002 San Bernardino County Grand Jury respectfully submits this final report, the fruits of our twelve months Grand Jury service.

I feel very fortunate and honored to have been selected Foreman of this diverse panel of San Bernardino County residents. We all worked well together and gained mutual respect for each other. They did a true "yeoman's" job putting this report together.

We spent many laborious and exhaustive hours in investigating all aspects of County government.

I wish to thank the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer and the department heads that we interviewed for their cooperation and openness in answering our questions and providing us with information we requested.

In a County that has been plagued by accusations of wrongdoing and corruption by both elected and appointed officials in the past four or five years, we are finally starting to put this behind us and get on with business.

We have approximately 18,000 hard working and dedicated employees, and I wish to thank them. It must to be a very trying experience for all concerned, as July 1 of every year a new Grand Jury is impaneled and the process starts again with 19 fresh and inquisitive minds.

This Grand Jury noticed in several instances that our interest in an area of investigation caused immediate action to be taken.

In a system dating back to 1066, during the time of Norman King, William, to protect the citizenry and his assets, he created a system called "Jure Gran". The gathered information was classified and recorded in what was referred to as the "Doomsday Books".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people. First, I would like to thank Judge Roberta McPeters for naming me Foreman. A special thank you to our two "adjunct" members, Sue Shuey our Grand Jury Assistant, who kept us on schedule and handled a mountain of paperwork; and to Clark Hansen, Deputy District Attorney and our Legal Advisor, who gave us advice when we asked for it, kept us out of trouble, and kept us focused.

A thank you to my fellow hard working, dedicated Jury members for their support and dedication and letting me think I was "Boss". A thank you to our chair people who kept their committees working and focused.

Another big thank you to our panel secretary, Ron Fletcher, upon whom I kept dumping more work. He served as chairman of two committees, plus serving as chairman of the Editorial Committee.

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Vic Edinburgh, Foreman Pro Tem, for acting as a sounding board, for his advice, quiet leadership and assistance in guiding the Grand Jury this year.

Does the Grand Jury system still work? I would give a resounding yes. The answer from the County is by adoption of our recommendations in this report. Only time will tell.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT M. POLLOCK

Foreman

2001-2002 Grand Jury

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